

**Remarks**

Upon entry of the foregoing preliminary amendment, claims 1-23 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 12, and 23 being the independent claims. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "measuring a performance of the gaming apparatus," thereby explicitly reciting that which was already inherent in original step (d). Claims 5 -11 and 16-22 have been amended to removed multiple dependencies. Additional amendments have been made to correct minor typographical errors. None of these changes restrict the scope of the claims in any way. These changes introduce no new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments prior to examination.

**Conclusion**

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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